

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 3, please replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

[0016] Core engine exhaust nozzle 35 also includes an annular outlet 38 defined between an inner surface 39 of cowling 37 and an outer surface 40 of a centerbody or center plug 41. In an alternative embodiment, core engine exhaust nozzle 35 is known as a long-ducted mixed flow exhaust and is discharged into stream outlet 36 upstream from centerbody 41, such that core combustion gases are mixed with bypass stream flow prior to the mixture being discharged from exhaust assembly 33. In the exemplary embodiment, centerbody 41 extends aftward from core engine 13 such that core exhaust nozzle outlet 38 is upstream from an aft end 42 of ~~centerbody 48~~ centerbody 41. In an alternative embodiment, centerbody 41 does not extend downstream from nozzle outlet 38, and rather nozzle outlet 38 is downstream from centerbody 41.

At page 8, please replace paragraph [0028] with the following amended paragraph:

[0028] More specifically, each noise suppression system 50 or 150 can be operated in either an activated mode or a de-activated mode. When noise suppression system 50 or 150 are operated in the activated mode, air is supplied into manifold 52 and distributed substantially uniformly among the plurality of pairs of tubes 70. Since each pair of tubes 70 includes a first tube 72 and a second tube 74 that are offset from ~~nozzle nozzle design 11~~ by a predefined angle 80, the air discharged from each pair of tubes 70 is channeled across plurality of chevrons 42 into each of the trailing vortices that are generated downstream from each chevron 44. When noise suppression system is deactivated, no air is channeled through pairs of tubes 70.